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APRENDAMOS AND COVARRUBIAS FAMILY FUND ANNOUNCES ADVANCING SOCIAL EQUITY INITIATIVE GRANT

Las Cruces, New Mexico – Aprendamos and Covarrubias Family Fund are proud to announce that the Advancing Social Equity Initiative will award two grants to local nonprofit organizations working on building equity or equitable practices within their organization.

The Advancing Social Equity Initiative invites applications for the support of organizational capacity building resulting in impactful work and engagements that advance racial and social justice in Southern New Mexico.

The Advancing Social Equity Initiative's goals are to build the capacity of emerging nonprofits in Southern New Mexico to align with evidence-informed equity models. This initiative aims to seed a pilot demonstration model to ground equity in the fabric of local nonprofits, thereby increasing well-being among staff and constituents with exponential impact in the community. This model may serve as inspiration for other area human service organizations to build collaborative power to ground equitable well-being efforts in the region.

ABOUT THE GRANT APPLICATION

Two nonprofit organizations will be awarded. Each will receive \$5000 and participate in training and learning opportunities with Aprendamos and Ivy Child International. The grant application will be open from August 1st - 31st, 2021.

This grant will be administered by the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico. Applications can be submitted via hard copy or electronically.

Eligible Organizations:

- Any Human Services nonprofit in Southern New Mexico, those located in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County area, will be prioritized, with an annual operating revenue under \$1 million.
- All applicants must have a 501 c3.
- Tribal, native and indigenous-led organizations in the area with a 501c3 are strongly encouraged to apply.

ABOUT THE APRENDAMOS AND COVARRUBIAS FAMILY FUND

The Aprendamos and Covarrubias Family Fund was established in 2020. This fund is a collaboration between Aprendamos Intervention Team, PA, also known as Aprendamos Family of Services, and the Covarrubias Family. The fund is held at the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico.

The fund plans to focus on advancing child and family health and well-being and education through a lens of abundance, diversity, equity, and inclusion, along with awareness and capacity building.

Currently, the fund has created the Advancing Social Equity Initiative to support nonprofit organizations committed to advancing social equity within their organization and, ultimately, our community.

“Jose and Antonia Covarrubias migrated to the United States to give their children an opportunity to live the American dream. By viewing life through a lens of abundance, the family embraced values of compassion, integrity, generosity and faith. Today, the Covarrubias Family wants to pay it forward with the hope that the seeds of giving will continue to be planted and fostered in southern New Mexico.” -Abel Covarrubias

ABOUT IVY CHILD INTERNATIONAL

Ivy Child is a multicultural, multilingual, and international nonprofit devoted to universal mindfulness education, prioritizing the needs of children and communities. Rose Felix Cratsley, Ph.D., CEO of Ivy Child International, and Christine Robinson, Advisor to Ivy Child International, have a tremendous amount of experience working with organizations, particularly communities of color, to expand diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice.

To learn more about Aprendamos Family of Services, visit <https://aitkids.com/> or call 575-526-6682.

To learn more about the Advancing Social Equity Initiative, visit <https://aitkids.com/foundation/>

To learn more about the grant application requirements for the Advancing Social Equity Initiative, visit <https://www.communityfoundationofsouthernnewmexico.com/grants-scholarships/apply-for-a-grant/>

To learn more about Ivy Child International, visit <https://ivychild.org/>

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